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Letter dated 15 September 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to you concerning a matter referred to in paragraph 56 of document A/BUR/47/1. Paragraph 56 refers to the opening ceremonies for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People and indicates that the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the opening ceremonies for the International Year should be held in plenary meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1992, in the afternoon.

Officials of the United Nations Centre for Human Rights have advised our delegation that, following completion of the opening ceremonies on 10 December, there are cultural events and a reception planned at the United Nations to mark the occasion. There is some concern that, should there be a delay in concluding the opening ceremonies, as a result for example of a great number of speakers, the cultural events may have to be somewhat curtailed.

In order to forestall any possibility of interference with the cultural programme, my delegation would like to suggest that the opening ceremonies be held in the morning rather than in the afternoon of 10 December. Therefore, my delegation proposes that the last sentence in paragraph 56 be amended accordingly to read:

> "The General Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that the opening ceremonies for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People should be held in plenary meeting on Thursday, 10 December 1992, in the morning."

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I would appreciate it if the text of the present letter could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 8 of the provisional agenda, and brought to the attention of the General Committee for its consideration.

(Signed) Louise FRECHETTE
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative